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The amendment filed on 2/10/04 presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the remaining claims are drawn to an invention that is distinct from and independent of the invention previously claimed.

In the amendment filed on 1/29/03 the applicant claimed (see claim 32) an article comprising a zinc or aluminum substrate and a strike layer directly contacting the surface of the zinc or aluminum substrate. In the amendment filed on 2/10/04 the applicant claims (see claims 22 and 32) an article comprising a nickel layer and a strike layer directly contacting the surface of the nickel layer.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE. See MPEP 821.03.

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